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WATER ISLAND

Water Island at 18°19′ North, 65°52′ West, is the 4th largest U.S. Virgin Island and is located in Charlotte Amaile Harbor, St. Thomas. Its first known inhabitants were Arawak Indians, whose artifacts were discovered at a number of sites. In Colonial days, pirates frequented the island to obtain fresh water from a pond in Flamingo Bay—out of range of St. Thomas' cannons; hence its name. In the 1890's treasure was dug in Flamingo Bay. During WW II Fort Segarra—an underground fortress, Lookout Tower (KV4CR), and 33 buildings were built to guard approaches to the Panama Canal. Island residents Walter and Floride Phillips developed a hotel and residential community there beginning in 1951. The island is leased from the Department of Interior.

LIMESTONE REEF TERRACES HOTEL

This small informal hotel is on a hillside 75′ above the Caribbean, overlooking historic Flamingo Bay. It boasts a magnificent panorama extending from St. John to Puerto Rico. For amateur DXers, it offers a tall, lone palm tree on a steep slope with a clear horizon North thru West. For details and pictures, read **"A Suitcase DXpedition to Water Island,"** Herb Sweet, K2GBH and Barbara Sweet, WA2KCL, CQ Magazine, October 1981.

STATION EQUIPMENT — ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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